THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M M JACOB) (a) The general law and order situation in the country remained under strain during the past few months

(b) and (c) Under the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution, 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects The primary responsibility for maintenance of law and order thus directly devolves on the State Governments Nevertheless, the Central Government remains in touch with the State Governments and constantly monitors and reviews the situation As and when necessary, suitable assistance is also provided to the State Governments

[Translation]

Terrorist Activities in Punjab, Assam and Jammu & Kashmir

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of persons killed or abducted, in Punjab, Assam and Jammu & Kashmir during 1991 till date,

(b) the number of civilians, militants, Government officials and paramilitary forces out of them,

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of killings has been increasing

(d) if so the reasons therefor

(e) the details of the compensation paid to the next of kin of those killed and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M M JACOB) (a) and (b) The information in respect of Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir is given below

	Number of persons killed			*Number of persons abducted*
	Civilians	*Security Personnel*	*Terrorists*	
PUNJAB	1149	234	972	42
JAMMU & KASHMIR	162	76	254	125
ASSAM	Information is awaited from the State Government			

(c) and (d) The increase in crime levels is attributable to an increase in terrorists' strength and arsenal, guidance from their mentors across the border and political uncertainty following the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

(e) Information in this regard is awaited from the State Governments concerned

(f) The security agencies are vigilant and take appropriate action to deal with the situation